
Subject: Re: namespace support requires network modules to say "GPL"

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On Sun, Dec 02, 2007 at 10:59:46PM +0100, Patrick McHardy wrote:

> Adrian Bunk wrote:

>> On Sun, Dec 02, 2007 at 09:03:56PM +0100, Patrick McHardy wrote:

>...

>> your statement has an interesting implication:

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>> Stuff like e.g. the EXPORT_SYMBOL(sk_alloc) predates the EXPORT_SYMBOL_GPL

>> stuff.

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>> Who is considered the author of this code?

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>> And when should he state whether he prefers to use EXPORT_SYMBOL_GPL but

>> wasn't able to use it at that when he wrote it since his code predates it

>> and is glad to be able to decide this now?

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> He can state it when he feels like it, I don't see the point.

> Authors generally get to decide whether they use EXPORT_SYMBOL

> or EXPORT_SYMBOL_GPL unless in cases where its really clear-cut

> that EXPORT_SYMBOL is inappropriate. But thats a different matter.

>...

You miss my point.

Stuff like sk_alloc was exported to modules before EXPORT_SYMBOL_GPL existed (it was even exported to modules before EXPORT_SYMBOL existed).

We are talking about code and exports that are at about 12 years old, which is at about twice as old as EXPORT_SYMBOL_GPL.

So what should happen in your opinion if e.g. Alan checks which of the network code he had written when it was exported a dozen years ago, stating that he never wanted it to be available to non-GPL modules?

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Adrian

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"Is there not promise of rain?" Ling Tan asked suddenly out of the darkness. There had been need of rain for many days.

"Only a promise," Lao Er said.

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